Criteria for Appointment of CSS Officers at Joint Secretary Level

2538. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria and guidelines for appointment of CSS Officers at Joint Secretary level;

(b) whether names of empanelled officers are circulated strictly as per their placement in pannel, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that officers from review pannel not found fit in regular panel are placed about those from the regular pannel;

(d) whether it is tantamount to reward officers for their efficiency while denying the officers of regular panel their right to be appointed first; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and rules under which such proposals are made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARATHANA: (a) The criteria and guidelines for appointment of officers belonging to All India Services and other Group 'A' Central Services as also, the Central Secretariat Services (CSS) for appointment to the posts of Joint Secretary/equivalent are contained in para 21 of the Central Staffing Scheme. In brief, the Establishment Officer, acting on behalf of the Civil Services Board shall offer a pannel of three names for each vacancy, keeping in view the educational qualifications, service, experience and special training required for effective performance of the job. The Civil Services Board after taking into consideration the offer list, will finalise the panel in the order of preference for each vacancy of Joint Secretary keeping in view the job description, suitability of the officers, and other relevant factors. Thereafter, the proposal for appointment of a particular officer is submitted to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) and after approval by the ACC, orders are issued.

(b) As per the existing policy, the names of empanelled CSS officers are circulated for Joint Secretary/equivalent posts strictly as per their placement in the panel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the position stated at (b) above.

Age Relaxation for Ex-Servicemen in Civil Services Examinations

2539. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ex-servicemen are allowed age relaxation in the Civil Services Examinations conducted by the UPSC; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider allowing them age relaxation as is done in case of direct recruitment to group 'A' posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Posts in Various Grades Manned by Officers of All India Services

2540. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of posts of each of the grades of under Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary in the various Ministries/Departments of Government of India as well as the attached/subordinate offices thereunder manned by officers belonging to IAS, CSS and other All India Services, respectively, as on the 1st June during the years 1996 to 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANA):

Statement

Number of posts manned by officers belonging to the Indian Administratives Service (IAS), the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) and the other All India Services (the Indian Police Service and the Indian Forests Service) in the grade of Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary/Director, Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary and equivalent posts in the respective grade in various Ministries/Departments and their Attached and Subordinate Offices in the Government of India.

Year (As on 1st June	Service	Level			
		Under Secretary	Dy. Secy./ Director	Jt. Secy.	Addl. Secy.
1996	IAS	10	305	267	68
	CCS	497	184	18	0
	Other All India Services	5	27	13	1
1997	IAS	5	315	261	77
	CCS	512	172	31	1
	Other All India Services	5	54	27	8
1998	IAS	7	312	273	78
	CCS	530	160	33	3
	Other All India Services	0	81	49	5

Posting of CSS Officers Empanelled as Joint Secretary

2541. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable delay in the posting of CSS officers empanelled as Joint Secretary;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the justification for Government declaring CSS panels for subsequent years/review panels?

THE MINISTERS OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANA): (a) to (c) As on 1.6.1998, there were 407 officers working against Joint Secretary/ equivalent posts and out of them, 33 were officers of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS). For the vacant posts of Joint Secretary/equivalent, officers belonging to as many as 38 All India/ Group 'A' Central Services as well as the CSS are to be considered. The appointment of 7 CSS officers at Joint Secretary level out of the 100 Joint Secretary level appointments made during